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On 27 October 1952, the USIA-controlled Wagner-Biro A.G. received a contract to produce 1,000 scoop steam shovels with a capacity of 3/4 cubic meters, to be finished within the next three years. The tentative schedule calls for the production of 12 steam shovels this year, 120 next year and a proportional increase in 1954-55. All parts will be constructed by Wagner-Biro A.G. except the diesel motors. The steam shovels will be patterned after a Soviet model exhibited at the Vienna Fall Trade Fair.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment: In all probability, it will not be possible to complete 12 steam shovels this year because of retooling difficulties.

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